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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Special Operations  
Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT: OSA/OSI Cooperation

I still believe that the present difficulties between OSA and OSI can be worked out by the Assistant Directors, subject to the following conditions, some of which are fairly general, others more or less specific:

1. OSI must receive, with minimum delay, all reports, containing even information that might possibly be of scientific or technical import, that may be received in GIA.
2. OSA has the responsibility of collecting all covert intelligence, including scientific and technical. Evaluation other than of source and rating of content is not a function of OSA and should not be attempted.
3. The closest liaison possible between working groups of OSI and working groups of OSA should exist in order to maintain a steady flow of scientific and technical requirements, on the one hand, and to insure the dissemination of all scientific and technical reports, on the other hand.
4. The scientific group of OSA must be so organized as to assist in the preparation and carrying out of scientific and technical requirements and must not be constituted as a board of censors or control to block the fulfillment of scientific and technical requirements or the dissemination of scientific and technical information.
5. Priorities for the collection of scientific and technical information should be established by OSI and communicated to OSA, and OSA should carry out such priorities to the closest extent possible.

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The thing we must strive for is to obtain and evaluate as much and as good scientific and technical intelligence as may be procurable without regard to the specific manner or way of procuring such intelligence.

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In the main, it is OSG's job to get as much intelligence information as may be possible, and, second, when such information is obtained, it must be disseminated to the evaluators; it is OSI's job to furnish OSG with the requirements of the information they would like to have, if it is possible to obtain it, and then evaluate the information received from OSG.

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